

U.S. Department of Labor

Assistant Secretary for
Employment and Training
Washington, D.C. 20210



JUN 30 2004

The Honorable Jim Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
State Capitol
115 East
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the State of Wisconsin's request for an extension of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility of training providers at 20 CFR 663.530. This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The State of Wisconsin's request (copy enclosed) indicates that a waiver extension will allow the state to address burden and cost-related concerns, and allow it to move toward changes likely under WIA reauthorization. The waiver is written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c) and appears to meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). Accordingly, the State of Wisconsin is granted an extension of the waiver through June 30, 2005.

The granted waiver extension is incorporated by reference into the state's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and also constitutes a modification of the state's approved five-year strategic plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the state's WIA Grant Agreement and the state's approved five-year strategic plan, as appropriate.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other state and local-level waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure

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May 24, 2004

Ms. Christine Kulick
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Division of One-Stop Operations, Room S4231
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Dear Ms. Kulick:

Based on Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 21-03, the State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development is requesting a subsequent eligibility waiver extension until June 30, 2005. Our current waiver to postpone subsequent eligibility ends June 30, 2004.

The costs and activities to implement subsequent eligibility are significant. If Congress approves Workforce Investment Act (WIA) reauthorization and initial and subsequent eligibility are eliminated, it is not prudent for Wisconsin to follow through on its implementation.

In regards to the original waiver plan, we are in the final stages of completing it.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Bill Clingan
Division Administrator

cc: Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator, Region V ETA

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